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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,



I hope everyone has been able to get more metal detecting in while the good weather is still lasting. I have heard of some great finds out there this month. It will be fun to see them and vote for "Find of the Month."

Please be sure to thank those men and women who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces in order for us to continue the freedom we enjoy. (Veteran's day Nov 11th 2010)

The mini display this month will be another surprise.

I would like to express thanks and appreciation to last month's speaker, Mr. Kristian Wang, for his very interesting presentation about Yellowstone tokens and medals.



This month our guest speaker will be Mr. Phil Yadanza, President of the Utah Gold Prospectors Club. Phil will be speaking to us about his club, gold, and prospecting gold in Utah. With the way gold prices have been increasing this may be a new hobby you will want to try.



Just a reminder that the club officer elections will be held this month at the meeting. Again, it's very important that we nominate someone that will understand the importance of the position and will be focused on the dedication required to continue the N.U.T.S. Club success on into the future.

Also, the fun and success our club has experienced this year is the result of a strong team effort from our club officers who have all worked very hard to continue the success from previous years. Please take a moment to express your gratitude and appreciation for their efforts.

Thanks again, everyone, for all your support, friendship and fun for the past two years. Serving in this position has been an honor and privilege. I will cherish this experience the rest of my life.

Keep searching for that gold coin it's just around the corner.
See ya at the meeting.
Todd Monson

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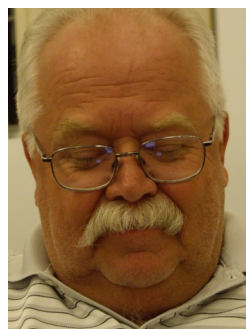
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Two Great Wagon Masters: Terry Wright and James Staker with Todd Monson



HUNT FOR GOLD REACHES A FEVER PITCH

When John Brewer's construction business soured along with the economy, he sought to replace lost income by prospecting for gold from the river valleys of central Idaho to the wilds of Alaska.

Armed with the tools of the trade- a metal detector, gold pan and sluice box- the Montana man represents the new face of a pursuit that once paved the way for settlement of the Western frontier.

The poor economy and a record price for gold have renewed interest in prospecting in Western states where public lands are rich with deposits and small-scale operators face minimal government regulation.

What Brewer has in common with 19th century prospectors is a drive for gold equaled in intensity only by the instinct to keep quiet about its location.

"Asking a miner where they found it and what they found is like asking an angler about his secret fishing hole," said Brewer. "We're not going to tell anybody. As soon as you tell anybody, there will be a crowd- and that would be counterproductive."

Gold prices hit a record high recently. That makes gold mining economically feasible for the first time in years, prompting mid- and large-scale operators to apply to mine in national forests and on acreage overseen by the Bureau of Land Management, part of the Interior Department. (cont'd pg 3)

"When gold goes over \$1,000 an ounce, everybody becomes a miner," said Russ Bjorklund, minerals manager with Salmon-Challis National Forest in Idaho.

He is among federal land managers reporting a marked resurgence in gold mining, from amateurs armed with pans to corporations working hard-rock mines.

Susan Elliott, a geologist with Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada, said the rush is on in a state that already is the fourth-largest producer of gold in the world.

Elliott linked a 75 percent increase in mining activity in the 6.3 million-acre forest to the rise in gold prices in recent years.

"We've got all types: individuals out there with pick and shovel and companies with heavy equipment," she said.

International gold mining giant Barrick Gold Corp. gained approval from the federal Bureau of Land Management to expand its Bald Mountain mine in northeastern Nevada. Bald Mountain is one of the company's 25 operating mines, eight of which are in the western United States.

Large-scale operators like Barrick must clear a number of hurdles in advance of gold mining, often a yearslong process.

But Ray ReSoro, minerals specialist for the U.S. Forest Service region that includes Montana, also described an influx of "mom and pop operations."

Those small-time prospectors, like Brewer, mostly engage in low-impact, stream-side mining like gold panning and sluicing, techniques that rely on gravity to separate heavy gold from sediment.

In the mountains of central Idaho, gold fever has been blamed for recent trespassing incidents. Beverly Cockrell, a rancher near Salmon, has confronted strangers with "sticky fingers" on her creek-side land, including one who reportedly raided a sluice box.

"We're having to run people off," Cockrell said.

Some economists take a dim view of the gold rush.

"You've got this pretty metal- what does it do?" said James Hamilton, an economics professor at University of California, San Diego. "It doesn't create dividends, it doesn't create more productivity. It's a hedge against certain kinds of risks."

Still, it will take more than discouraging words to dampen the enthusiasm of gold hunters.

Jon Cummings, who promotes gold-mining adventures at his Idaho resort, says finding what prospectors call "color" in the pan ignites a passion.

"You start finding a little gold in the pan- that's when gold fever kicks in. It's like a drug and you're ready to work all night," he said.

From The Chicago Tribune



**Free workshop on the
archaeology of Utah,
November 20, 2010**

The Antiquities Section

of the Utah Division of State History will offer a free workshop on the archaeology of Utah on Saturday, November 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop, taught by Antiquities Section archaeologists, will provide an overview of the last 13,000 years of Utah's human history. Topics will range from the earliest humans to live in Utah to the 1,000-

year-old Fremont village sites beneath the streets of modern Salt Lake City. The class is free and open to all members of the public; children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

The class will be held at the Rio Grande Depot, 300 S. Rio Grande Street (at 450 West) in Salt Lake City, Utah. Space is limited and participants must pre-register for the class by contacting Utah's Assistant State Archaeologist Ron Rood at rrood@utah.gov. Put "November Class" in the subject line of the e-mail.



Alan Staker
1966-1971



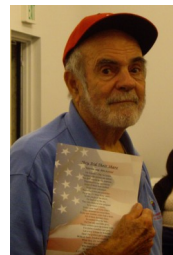
Boyd Pickering
1959-1994



Bob Koniar
1961-1965



Bruce Griggs
1984-present



Phil Lavorgna
1946-1970

Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11 of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in the lives to keep our country free.

Thank You to the members of our club that have served for us. It is an honor to know you.



Bill Carr
1968-1970



Werner Thiemig
1959-1962



Ken Smith
1953-1955

Ron Swain
1967-1971

Jeral Smith
1967-1991

Photos not available

Frank Clements
1952-1972

Bill Kos
1962-1966



Don Swain
1967-1970, 1975-2004



Mel Milgrom
1962-1968

They Did Their Share

(Veteran's Day – November 11, 2010)

On Veteran's Day we honor
Soldiers who protect our nation.
For their service as our warriors,
They deserve our admiration.

Some of them were drafted;
Some were volunteers;
For some it was just yesterday;
For some it's been many years;

In the jungle or the desert,
On land or on the sea,
They did whatever was assigned
To produce a victory.

Some came back; some didn't.
They defended us everywhere.
Some saw combat; some rode a desk;
All of them did their share.

No matter what the duty,
For low pay and little glory,
These soldiers gave up normal lives,
For duties mundane and gory.

Let every Veteran be honored;
Don't let politics get in the way.
Without them, freedom would have died;
What they did, we can't repay.

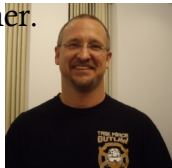
We owe so much to them,
Who kept us safe from terror,
So when we see a uniform,
Let's say "thank you" to every wearer.

By Joanna Fuchs

December 2010

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Anthony Bos as the Jewelry
winner.

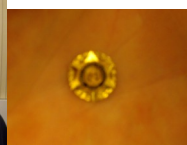
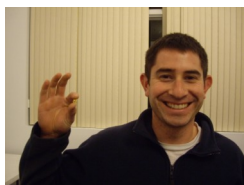


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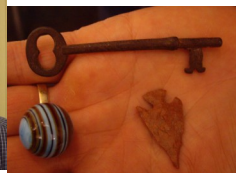
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We had 43 in attendance at the
October meeting.

FIND OF THE MONTH OCTOBER WINNERS



JJ Valerio, Button



Terry Wright, US Coin, Artifact,
Marble, Non-metal, Key



Cliff Fausett, Token and
Oldest US Coin



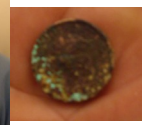
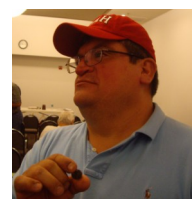
Anthony Bos, Bottle



Todd Monson, Foreign Coin



Boyd Pickering, Jewelry




Leo Vera, Oldest US Cent

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